REMARKS

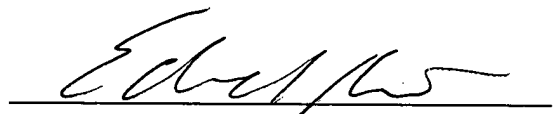
Claims 1 to 37 are pending in the application, but applicant intends to file a second preliminary amendment shortly to amend the claims being presented in this divisional application for examination. Accordingly, should the Examiner take up action on this application before having received the second preliminary amendment, he/she is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to parent Application No. 09/641,977, filed on August 21, 2000, which has been allowed and the issue fee paid on October 1, 2003, and the specification has been amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 as recited above to reflect Applicants' claim.

Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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